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1. On 26 March 1949 the Coastal Regional Committee of the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (PCE) issued a secret document entitled "Partido Comunista y Alianza Popular" in which the Regional Committee admitted for the first time that the Alianza Popular was developed and controlled by the PCE.
2. The document, directed to cell leaders on the coast, points out the growing strength of the Alianza and makes recommendations for increasing the organizational activity of that group. The Alianza must be spread to all sections of the city; it must coordinate with the Federacion de Estudiantes Universitarios Guayaquileños (FEUE); reorganize its directory; publish a newspaper; and issue membership cards.
3. Although the Communists publicly claim that the Alianza Popular is not an instrument of the PCE, their political goals are identical, and Communists are urged to support the Alianza to the fullest extent. Privately the Communists are reminded that the PCE should always continue to be the unifying and directing force behind the Alianza. Consequently, the PCE will be able to accomplish its political goals through the Alianza without officially entering any of the local political campaigns.
4. The Regional Committee emphasized that it will continue to campaign against imperialistic interests by means of the Alianza and pointed out the following companies which have been selected as special operational targets:
 - a. Standard Oil Company and other foreign oil companies;
 - b. Panagra Airlines, which owns grounds and facilities at the only airport in Guayaquil; and
 - c. Grace and Company, which does not permit its ships to enter the harbor at Guayaquil.

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